

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8 remain pending in the present application. The Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application in view of the following comments.

Allowable Matter

The Official Action indicates that Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable material.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over D'Antonio et al. (US 6,772,859, "D'Antonio") in view of Chlop (US 5,160,816, "Chlop"). Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully assert that embodiments in accordance with the present invention as recited in Claims 1-5 and 8 are patentable over D'Antonio in view of Chlop.

D'Antonio is classified in class 181/293, "acoustics, sound-modifying means, sound absorbing panels with channels or cavities in surface layer." Chlop is classified in class 181/285, "acoustics, sound-modifying means, sound absorbing panels, load bearing block type structure." Neither of these cited references bear any relation to the field of art of the present invention.

Applicants respectfully assert that neither of these references have anything to do with "a method of generating a deep N-well pattern for an integrated circuit design," as recited by Claim 1. Moreover, neither of these references suggest anything about the claimed limitation of an "integrated circuit design" or the claimed limitation of "a deep N-well pattern," as recited by Claim 1.

As the cited references are non-analogous art and the proposed combination fails to suggest all claimed elements, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection fails to establish *prima facie* obviousness.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 overcomes the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 2-5 and 8 overcome the rejections of record by virtue of their dependence, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5 and 8 remain pending in the present application. The Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application in view of the remarks presented herein.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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